

D. C. PRICE LAW HEARINGS END, TO GET ACTION

Ball Declares Committee
Has Enough Testimony
On Food Sales.

ASSURE STRINGENT LAW

Rent Agents Explain Prac-
tices at Hearing Before
Subcommittee.

Chairman Ball of the Senate sub-
committee investigating the high cost
of living in the District, yesterday
announced no further hearings will be
held.

A mass of testimony has been taken
by the subcommittee during its five
weeks of hearings on profiteering in
foodstuffs and rents.

The Senators now believe they are
ready to frame legislation which they
believe will reduce prices.

The last hearing conducted by the
subcommittee yesterday dealt with
rent practices here. A cigar dealer
at Thirteenth and F streets testified
his rent was raised from \$18 to \$60
a month, with a notice to vacate.

Morton J. Luchs, the agent of the
property, said the owner for many
months had planned erecting a build-
ing on this corner, and that it was
the owner's hope that the premises
would be vacated.

J. E. Powell, president of the F.
H. Smith Company, said he believed
a rent increase of 25 per cent over
last year is necessary to gain a net
increase of from 8 to 9 per cent on
the original investment. Powell man-
ages twenty apartments.

Owner Testifies.

T. F. Schneider, owner of the Calro
Apartments, told the subcommittee he
is getting the same rent as in 1914. He
said he contemplated "small increas-
es" in a few apartments beginning
October 1. He said he had doubled
rents and brought law suits with the
hope of encouraging undesirable ten-
ants to vacate.

Among others who testified yester-
day were John O'Hagan, represent-
ing Edward P. Schwartz, John R.
Galloway, owner of the Henricette,
Mrs. A. C. Rautenberg, Margaret J.
Calvin, owner of The Truxton; James
D. Hobbs, of Harry Wardman Com-
pany; B. E. Talbot and Myer Her-
man.

Chairman Ball announced an exe-
cutive session of the subcommittee for
Tuesday. The committee may hold
hearings on clothing prices, Ball said.

**PALMER NOMINATION
CONFIRMED BY SENATE**

After a stormy executive session
lasting more than two hours, the
Senate late yesterday confirmed the
nomination of A. Mitchell Palmer as
Attorney General. There was no
roll call.

Opposition to Palmer was led by
Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jer-
sey, at whose instance charges re-
flecting on Palmer's administration
of the Alien Property Custodian's
office were examined by a subcom-
mittee of the Judiciary Committee.
This committee reported unanimously
in favor of confirmation.

**Galli-Curci Itemizes
Hubby's Alleged Acts**

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 29.—Accusing
her husband of misconduct six
times between September 15 and 30,
1917, with a Melissa Brown, of
Pleasantville, N. Y., and also with
a chambermaid "of ebony color
and beautiful black eyes" at Tulsa,
Okla., April 20, 1917, Galli-Curci
filed an amended bill in her suit for
divorce against Luigi O. Curci, her
husband.

Galli-Curci originally charged
cruelty, and then added unfaithful-
ness. She states in her amended
plea that she has just come into
possession of additional evidence
through receiving a deposition from
Miss Brown.

**Escaped Insane Man
Tours City on Motor**

Robert McChestney, a trusted in-
mate at St. Elizabeth's hospital,
yesterday afternoon left the hospi-
tal and came into the city. The
police say he stole a motorcycle in
the vicinity of 455 H street north-
west.

After a futile search by the asylum
guards and the police, McChestney,
his longing fulfilled, left the hospi-
tal and returned to the hospital last
night.

Police are now trying to find the
vehicle, as the information cannot
be obtained from McChestney.

Three Mandatories Asked of U. S.

Paris, Aug. 29.—Three separate
American mandatories for the Near
East, to cover Syria, Mesopotamia
and Turkey, will be recommended by
the American commission under Chas.
P. Crane, according to the understand-
ing which prevailed here today.

Big Cotton Dealer Dies.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 29.—John Ber-
net Holst, aged 77, one of the biggest
cotton dealers in Savannah and Col-
umbus, Ga., died at his summer home
here today.

Two Transports Arrive.

New York, Aug. 29.—Two trans-
ports, the Plattsborg and the Pan-
ama, docked at Brooklyn today.

WIFE OF NEW MEMBER



MRS. KING SWOPE

AMERICAN FOOD SPOILS ABROAD

British Docks, Tied up By
Strike, Piled High With
U. S. Shipments.

London, Aug. 29.—Big shipments of
American food are spoiling in British
docks.

Congested because of the nation-
wide strike of transport workers, the
docks are piled high with food
shipped from New York, Boston, Bal-
timore and other ports of the United
States.

Prices here could be forced down to
per cent if the food could be moved
and sold, dealers say.

Government officials are making
strenuous efforts to end the conges-
tion. It is being urged that consignees
be penalized for failure to remove
their goods.

The government's port and trans-
port committee has decided to ap-
peal to Premier Lloyd George to put
to work all army motor trucks to
move the goods and clear the docks.

POINDEXTER PLEADS FOR LABOR PARLEY

Senator Poinexter made a strong
effort yesterday to get his resolu-
tion authorizing the President to
call a conference of representatives
of capital and labor, out of commit-
tee. The bill was drawn up with
an idea of having the two classes
confer on all matters about which
disputes might arise before such
matters have reached the stage
where neither side would concede a
point.

Senator Kenyon, chairman of the
Committee on Education and Labor,
which has the bill, said that in-
ability to obtain a quorum was the
reason of the supposed inactivity.

Poinexter asked that the bill be
brought before the Senate shortly.
In the event that the committee did
not give it the attention that a bill
of its importance warrants.

Denies Germany Has Pact With Mexicans

Berlin, Aug. 29.—"No engagements
or promises, direct, indirect, ex-
pressed or implied, exist between the
German government and Mexico."

This statement was made today by
Hermann Mueller, the German for-
eign minister, in commenting on re-
cent New York dispatches telling of
"revelations" by a certain Altendorf
to the effect that the German gov-
ernment was still ready to keep the
promise given to Carranza by Von
Eichardt, the former German minis-
ter to Mexico.

"Moderate," Officials Say of Peace Cost

Administration officials regard as
moderate the \$1,500,000 which the
American peace mission has spent
to date in Paris. The United States
spent only about one-fifth as much
as Great Britain, it is explained.

Archduke Harangues Mob.

Vienna, Aug. 29.—Archduke Joseph,
recently ousted as head of the Hun-
garian government, re-entered the
political arena yesterday, addressing
several deputations of citizens in
Budapest. He said Hungary would
"rise from her grave" and again
would occupy her former position in
international affairs.

Sister Sees Fratricide.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 29.—In the
presence of his sister, C. Nelson Par-
rish, 34, shot and killed his brother,
Jake Parrish, 42, here, in a room over
a local theater.

Will Appeal Oil Case.

Los Angeles, Aug. 29.—Counsel for
the government indicated today it
would seek an appeal from the deci-
sion of Federal Judge Bledsoe, which
dismissed the six consolidated suits of
the government involving immense oil
holdings of the Southern Pacific Rail-
road.

PUTS U. S. ON PAR WITH BRITAIN IN LEAGUE VOTING

Committee Adopts Amend-
ment to Equalize Bal-
loting Powers.

TWO CHANGES MADE

Moses Proposal Bars Vote
When Her Possessions
Are In Dispute.

Two amendments to the league of
nations covenant directed against
the preponderance of voting power
given to the British empire were
adopted by the Senate Foreign Re-
lations Committee yesterday.

The first amendment was that
proposed by Senator Johnson, of
California, providing that the
United States shall have the same
number of votes as the British
empire, both in the council and the
assembly of the league.

The other amendment, offered by
Senator Moses of New Hampshire,
provides that in any dispute in-
volving any of the possessions or
dominions of the British empire
and any other member of the
league, no part of the British em-
pire shall be permitted to cast a
vote.

Has Six Votes.

Both amendments were adopted
by the vote of 9 to 8. Senator Mc-
Cumber of North Dakota voting
with the Democrats, and all the
other Republican members voting
for the amendments.

Great Britain has six votes in the
league of nations assembly as fol-
lows: British Empire, Canada, Aus-
tralia, South Africa, New Zealand,
India.

Commenting upon the action of
the committee, Senator Lodge, the
chairman, had this to say after the
committee adjourned:

"I'd like to see anyone go on the
stump and say to the American peo-
ple that the United States should
not have as many votes in the
league as Great Britain if such a
league is to be formed."

The view generally taken by the
Senators who supported the amend-
ments is that the issue will be a
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SOLDIER SHOTS SELF AS CROWD LOOKS ON

Calmly pressing a revolver to
his breast, Private Harry S. Schutte,
25 years old, shot himself through
one lung while standing on the
curb at New York avenue and Fifth
street, at 6:30 o'clock last night.

A woman screamed as the report
rang out. Dinner-hour crowds
rushing home slowed up as a group
collected about the unconscious
figure of the soldier. An ambulance
took the soldier to Emergency Hospi-
tal, where it was said he may not
recover.

"The people who know me know
why I committed this terrible deed,"
read a note found in the pocket of
Schutte, whose home was in Bal-
timore before he joined Company A,
Fourteenth Machine Gun Battalion.
"It is a pity the Germans did not
do what I am about to do. May
God forgive me."

Asks Wilson to Stop Attacks on Negroes

New York, Aug. 29.—"In the name
of 12,000,000 negroes of the United
States, the National Association for
the Advancement of Colored People
respectfully inquires how long the
Federal government under your ad-
ministration intends to tolerate an-
archy in the United States."

This was the opening sentence of a
telegram sent to President Wilson to-
day by Mary White Ovington, chair-
man. The telegram cites the recent
attack on John R. Shilladay in Aus-
tin, Tex., and the lynching of a negro
in Georgia yesterday.

Coast Strike Caving.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—San
Francisco railroad yardmen returned
to work today, clearing the San
Francisco Bay district of railroad
strike troubles. It was believed the
ultimatum of Rail Director Hines
and of the brotherhood chiefs nam-
ing tomorrow morning as the time
when the government, aided by the
brotherhoods, would operate the
trains, would entirely break the
strike.

Egypt Buys U. S. Locomotives.

New York, Aug. 29.—The Danish
and Egyptian governments, it was
announced here today, each have
placed orders for fifty railroad en-
gines with the Baldwin Locomotive
Works of Philadelphia.

"Uprising" Causes Lynching.

Dublin, Ga., Aug. 29.—A rumored
"negro uprising" set for thirty days
hence was the motive given today by
officials for the lynching of Eli Cooper,
negro, at Cadwell, near here early
yesterday.

Steamships Collide.

New York, Aug. 29.—The Munira,
a 3,700-ton freighter of the Munson
Steamship Line, was badly damaged
in a collision early today with the
British freighter Hortensius in the
Ambrose channel.

JOY RIDING



WOODEN CARS IN SERVICE TODAY

Despite Fatal Wreck Old
Coaches Likely to Be
Used for Outing.

In spite of wide-spread criticism of
the continued use of wooden coaches
on the excursion trains run in sections
between Washington and Atlantic City,
it was learned at Union Station last
night that such coaches will be again
pressed into service for the Atlantic
City excursion today if the supply of
steel cars proves inadequate. The
storm of protests against this practice
was aroused by the wreck of the
Washington-Atlantic City excursion
train at Elwood, N. J., last Sunday,
when one passenger was killed and
twenty-two injured, as wooden cars
were telescoped.

The traffic on the railroads during
the week before and the week follow-
ing Labor Day, always heavy, prom-
ises to be record-breaking this year,
officials say, the increase having al-
ready begun. Yesterday it was neces-
sary to put into service practically
every sleeping car available, and train
men say that if the supply of steel
coaches will not accommodate the de-
mands, wooden cars will again be used.

One Crank Sends Taft 1,825 Ragtime Letters

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 29.—Hav-
ing received 1,825 letters in five
years from a resident of this place
whose writing was so poor the let-
ters could not be read, former
President Taft has asked Walter J.
Desmond, postmaster here, to find
the anonymous correspondent and
learn what it is all about.

Each letter covers six closely
written sheets. The opening lines
always are:
"Full many a gem of purest ray
serene,
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean
bear."

Fined \$5 for Slapping Her Neighbor's Child

Mrs. Fannie Marshall appeared in
justice court yesterday with her two
small children, charged with as-
saulting the small son of Theodore
Johnson.

"I didn't assault the child," she
declared. "I just 'corrected' him be-
cause he hit my girl."

Asked in what manner she "cor-
rected" her neighbor's little one, she
explained that she slapped his face.
She was fined \$5, paid by her hus-
band.

Reward for Missing Negroes.

Five dollars reward was offered last
night for the return of David Booker,
a 13-year-old negro, who has been
missing from his home, 1104 Shep-
herd court northwest, since August
22.

Belasco Actors Depart For Broadway Today

Striking actors of the "Up From
Nowhere" company at the Belasco
Theater, who, with the musicians and
stage hands, walked out just at cur-
tain time Thursday night, will return
to New York early this afternoon un-
less a settlement of the general strike
is reached. This announcement was
made last night by Norman Trevor,
leading man of the company.

"Our strike," Mr. Trevor said last
night, "although called only in sym-
pathy with that of the musicians and
stage hands, with whose unions we
are affiliated under the American Fed-
eration of Labor, cannot end until the
general strike against the producing
managers is settled. So there is little
point in our remaining in Washing-
ton."

Assistant Treasurer Middleton, of
the Belasco, said last night that the
management has no further informa-
tion concerning the progress of the
strike, and that they are not ready to
say whether or not the theater will
be opened for next week's bill, a mu-
sical comedy called "Fifty-Fifty,
Ltd."

The Belasco is the only theater in
Washington whose management is af-
filiated with the Producing Managers'
Association, against which the general
strike is directed.

Dillingham Quits the 'Hip.'

New York, Aug. 29.—Charles Dil-
lingham, manager of the Hippo-
drome, sent his resignation to the
owners of that property today in or-
der that he might not be the ob-
stacle in the way of keeping 1,500
persons out of work. Players at the
theater walked out last night.

Foch Lauds British.

London, Aug. 29.—The speedy con-
clusion of the war, Marshal Foch
declared today in a personal letter
to Parliament, was due to the sus-
tained determination of the British,
particularly in the powerful as-
sistance given in the transport of the
American divisions.

British Bombard Reds' Fortress.

Helsingfors, Aug. 29.—British war-
ships and airplanes bombarded Kron-
stadt, the Bolshevik fortress in the
Baltic, for two hours Wednesday, ac-
cording to a dispatch today from
Viborg.

President May Ask E. H. Gary to Hear U. S. Steel Workers

Gompers Accompanies Delegation of Union
Officials to the White House, Where Con-
ference Was Held on Refusal of Steel Cor-
poration to Deal with Its Men on Wages.

Steel workers were confident last night, after a conference at the
White House, of obtaining the President's aid in getting their demands
before officials of the United States Steel Corporation, who have stead-
fastly refused to give the men a hearing.

Through the efforts of Samuel Gompers, president of the Ameri-
can Federation of Labor, the committee representing the employees of
the United States Steel Corporation, headed by John Fitzpatrick, ob-
tained the conference with the President.

Gompers declined to give a state-
ment after the conference, but the
attitude of members of the committee
implied that the President will com-
municate with Judge Elbert H. Gary,
chairman of the finance committee of
the Steel Corporation.

Details of the attempts of the com-
mittee to obtain a hearing from Judge
Gary were presented to the President
by the committee, which has been in-
structed to set a strike date if the
officials decline further to meet the
men for a discussion of betterment of
working conditions.

Charge Union Men Dismissed.

The committee told the President
that 24 international labor organiza-
tions were represented by the locals
which have been formed of employees
of the Steel Corporation, and which
the Steel Corporation has refused to
recognize.

They also charged that the Steel
Corporation is discriminating against
employees who have joined the labor
unions, and that wholesale discharges
of union men are being made by the
steel companies.

The committee also described in de-
tail the "miserable working and living
conditions" of the steel workers, and
appealed to the President to exert his
influence to prepare the way for giv-
ing justice to the men.

President Gompers and the mem-
bers of the executive council spent
the greater part of the day in ex-
ecutive session going over the im-
mediate matters for their considera-
tion. One of the questions is
whether or not they will endorse the
Plumb plan for disposing of the rail-
roads. Advocates of the Plumb plan
protest that they have no fear of
the ultimate decision of the execu-
tive council.

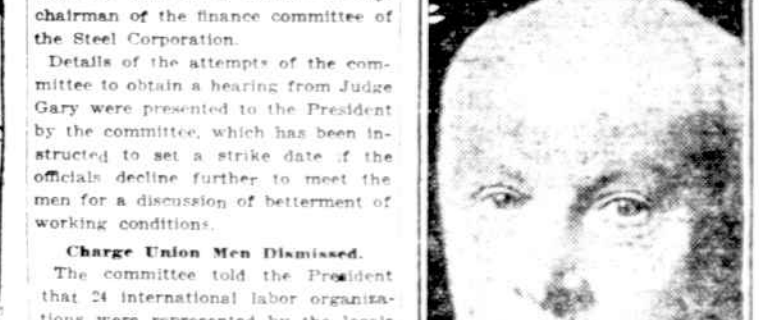
Railroad Men Back.

At the United States Railroad Ad-
ministration it was said that Di-
rector General Hines had nothing to
add to the order issued last night
to the strikers in California, Nevada
and Arizona to return to work Sat-
urday morning under penalty of dis-
missal. According to reports re-
ceived here, the men are already re-
turning to work.

Railroad labor leaders here point-
ed out yesterday that Director Gen-
eral Hines' order to the men to go
back to their jobs was a natural
development of the situation.

President Jewell of the Railway
Employees' Department, repeated
that no statement regarding the
strikers' offer of a 4-cent raise would
be made until the complete poli-
cy is taken. He denied that the let-
ter sent to the strikers urging that no
strike be called for at least nine
days had its origin in instructions
from President Gompers.

IN STEEL WAGE FIGHT



Refuse Station Brings Protest from Citizens

Twentieth Citizens' Association, of
Northwest Washington, organized to
fight for the removal of the refuse
station near Benning, held a routing
meeting last night at Northeast Temple.
The organization boasts of 20 mem-
bers, though only a few weeks old.

A committee was appointed last
night to wait on members of Congress,
who are pressing a bill which would
remove the refuse station. The com-
mittee members are Dr. Percival Hall,
of Gallaudet College; J. D. Rosser,
A. W. McCann, Thomas J. Mc-
Quade and R. W. Waldron.

H. West, J. W. Johnson and C. W.
Edwards were appointed a committee
to urge the Police Department to fur-
nish more protection.

Fishermen Save Woman, Three Companions Drown

New Haven, Aug. 29.—Mystery sur-
rounded the identity of three persons,
two women and a man, drowned here
late today, in Long Island Sound.

Only one of a party of four canoeists,
Mrs. Geo. Goebel, of New Haven, was
rescued by three fishermen.

The man has been identified as John
Knight, a railway clerk, who was
spending his vacation at one of the
sound resorts.

To Return Hun Prisoners.

Paris, Aug. 29.—The allies will not
wait for the ratification of the peace
treaty to begin the repatriation of Ger-
man prisoners. It was decided by the
Supreme Council of the Peace Confer-
ence today.

Pittsburgh Strike Off.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 29.—Normal electric
car service was resumed here today.
The striking car men having voted to
accept the War Labor Board's award
of an increase of 6 cents an hour.

Vanderbilt Cub Reporter.

New York, Aug. 29.—Cornelius
Vanderbilt, Jr., heir to many mil-
lions, popular in society, is a full-
fledged cub reporter on a New York
morning newspaper. He "pulls
down" \$25 a week.

Fire Razes Wood Sheds.

Fire of mysterious origin in wood-
sheds in the rear of residence on
M street southwest, between Third
and Fourth streets, last night did
damage estimated at \$1,000.

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